

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 278
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Portland Mayor Robert L. Wilkinson on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Mayor Robert L. Wilkinson is a lifelong resident of Portland, Sumner County, Tennessee. His exemplary involvement in school activities has continued through the years, as evidenced by his involvement in many civic organizations in the Portland area; and

WHEREAS, he retired from Ford Motor Company in 1988 and brought successful management to the office of Mayor in 1989 that has ensured the cities continued growth and progress; and

WHEREAS, he led the way in establishing the public safety director's position, supported the promotion of the D.A.R.E. program, secured a modern telephone system in the city offices, supported the purchase of equipment for all departments, including a 50-foot aerial fire engine; and

WHEREAS, he promoted numerous projects in the city's parks and recreation department, including the purchase of 176 acres of land adjoining Richland Park for future development; and

WHEREAS, he has been an unremitting supporter of the local airport's expansion and has overseen the completion of Phase I of the watershed/drainage project, with the final phase now under construction; and

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WHEREAS, during Mr. Wilkinson's 10 years as Alderman and 8 years as Mayor, the sewer and water lines have been extended, with a large sewer extension project presently underway. He was successful in seeing the completion of the new Highway 52 West project and the widening of Highway 52 East. He is an avid supporter of I-840's locating near Portland in order that the city's business and industry base may continue to expand; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Wilkinson's positive contributions to the citizens of Portland will be remembered for many years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mayor Robert L. Wilkinson our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.